

- **Orthodontics**

Orthodontics is the oldest specialty of dentistry. It is the branch of dentistry that specializes in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of dental and facial irregularities. The technical term for these problems is "**malocclusion**", which means "**bad bite**". The practice of orthodontics requires professional skill in the design and use of corrective appliances (braces) to bring teeth, lips and jaws into proper alignment and achieve facial balance.

The benefits of ORTHODONTIC Treatment are as follows

- Well aligned teeth are less prone to dental decay and gum diseases.
- They are less prone to trauma.
- They are prerequisites for longevity of dentition, proper function and general health.
- Good set of teeth is esthetically pleasing

The department has been established in June 2005 with the following aims and objectives.

- To provide quality education and training in the field of orthodontics to the undergraduate students.
- To educate the masses about the need for ORTHODONTIC treatment.
- To render comprehensive orthodontic treatment in conformation with international standards.

The undergraduate programme in Orthodontics is designed to enable the qualifying dental surgeon to diagnose, analyze and treat common orthodontic problems by preventive, interceptive and corrective orthodontic procedures.